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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

n Retrospect - 1974

s we prepare for 1975 it d not be fair to omit a emplative look at 1974.

was a year which saw the nation of the President of United States, which equently left our nation in unprecedented situation of ng no elected official in the cutive Branch of our gov- ment.

was not bad in 1974. omattox County continued progressive. Thomasville stries opened its new iture manufacturing facili- ere. A new high school was ated in October, and the ol is one of the most plete educational com- es in Virginia.

he County Office Building dedicated in December. new plant is housing the enile and Domestic Rela- s Court, the Department of al Services, the Coopera- Extension Service and the nty Health Department.

was a mediocre year for the pomattox County sports ms except for the girls ms which won the Seminole strict basketball and softball es and was runner-up for the leyball championship. The s also won the Western Sectional basketball championship with a 62-56 win over Dryden. They completed the season with a 19-0 record.

Louise Martin was named Seminole District Coach of the Year and Mary Louise McCraw was picked as district Player of the Year.

To brighten things in boys' athletics, Mark Eggleston was picked for a berth on the All-Seminole District basketball team and Warren Coleman and Mike Ramsey were named first team selections on the all-district football team, and Mike Quinn, Phil Jamerson, Ricky Wingfield, Ricky Burge, Dicky Kelso and Mitch Eggleston were named to other berths on the all-district team.

Back to business, Virginia Fibre began construction on its new corrugated paper manufacturing plant in nearby Riverville. The plant is expected to be in operation in 1975.

The Appomattox Town Council had five members re-elected including Mayor Henry B. Pack, Vice-Mayor Mrs. Earle Robinson, Bedrkley Guill, T. E. Conner and R. C. Hubbard. Two members were elected, Marvin House, Jrf. and Ronald Spiggle.

During January the town annexed the property surrounding the new high school and the area around the Thomasville plant. Appomattox County was declared eligible for federal flood insurance.

The energy crisis forced curtailment of activities during the winter and spring months.

The year also saw unemployment rise to a 20-year-high, and inflation exceed any previously recorded rate. 1974 will go down in history books as the year the nation's economy reached a low ebb, perhaps exceeding the tremendous drop recorded in 1929 and the early 1930's.

Car pools came to life in an effort to conserve fuel and Daylight Savings Time was adopted in a mis-directed effort cut back on energy consumption.

Appomattox County joined with the City of Lynchburg, Campbell County, Amherst County and Bedford County in a Central Virginia Investigation Agreement. The agreement called for pooling of manpower and equipment in homocide investigations and other police activities where jurisdictions overlap and is only the second such agreement in effect in the nation.

The Liberty Youth Singers made a 21 day tour of Poland for the Ambassadors for Friendship. Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan, director of the group, announced that the group would give nine formal concerts during the tour and "many more" impromptu performances.

Radio Station WTTX went on the air in July. The station is affiliated with the American Broadcasting Corporation. The **Times-Virginian** expanded its building to keep pace with increasing business demands. Lynchburg Federal Savings and Loan Association opened an office in Triangle Plaza Shopping Center.

Taking all things into consideration Appomattox County fared better than the state or the nation during 1974. While recession and inflation was felt here, the impact was not so vital to our growing community as to Virginia and the rest of the United States.

tate Tax Forms Mailed

The Virginia State Income ms and Booklet were mailed Appomattox County resi- ts today according to nty Commissioner of Rev- ue John Curtis Caldwell.

Caldwell stress the impor- ce of preserving the forms d the mailing labels. "There l be a considerable delay in nds if the mailing labels ving a tax payers name and cial security number is ullated or destroyed," Cald- ll said.

The Commissioner also said at his office, now locate rectly across from the post fice in the former VPI tension office, will be open om 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day nd will be open Saturdays om 9 a.m. to 12 noon between ebruary 15 and April 12.

"We will be glad to assist any dividual tax payer in the eparation and filing of his turn," Caldwell said. "It is ecessary that the federal tax turn be computed and filed rior to the preparation of the ate return. We will also assist x payers in preparing their deral returns, and there is no charge for any of our services," Caldwell added.

Nearly all the required federal and state forms and schedules are available at the commissioner's office. The Post Office will not stock forms as they have in past years, but Caldwell pointed out that is his office does not have a form required by a tax payer, it can be obtained from federal or state offices with very little delay.

Lions Club To Meet January 9th

The Lions Club of Appomattox will meet at Maudes Restaurant at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 1975.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. William Lowe, Vice-President and Plant Manager at Thomasville Furniture Industries, Inc. - Appomattox Plant.

All members will want to be present for this meeting.

Raiders Resume Play

The Appomattox County sketball team will resume minole District action Friday ght when the Raiders visit ckford for a contest with berty High School.

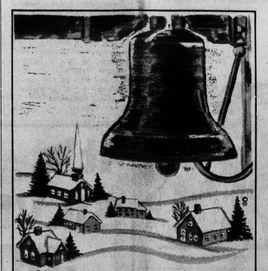
The Raiders will try to get back on the winning track and improve on their current 2-4 record. Saturday night Appomattox will host Nelson County in an eight o'clock game.

Rocks Quartet To Sing January 4th

The Rocks Quartet will present a program of music at Rocks Baptist Church on Sat., Jan. 4, 1975, at 7:30 p.m.

The Quartet plans to have a program similar to this on the first Saturday night of each month.

The public is invited to come out and enjoy good singing and fellowship.



It's time to ring out our wishes for health, wealth and happiness for specially nice friends and customers.

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Ritter System Sold

The Philadelphia, Pa. based Ritter Finance System has been sold to Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. of New York City.

Manufacturers Hanover, the nation's fourth largest bank, announced the purchase price of the 131 Ritter offices at $72 million. Ritter has operated an office in Appomattox since September 1973 with Louis R. Bryant as branch manager.

While details of the sale were not announced, it was learned that the purchase was transacted by transfer of stocks and payment of dividends rather than a total cash outlay.

Weird Looking Truck

This weird looking vehicle is becoming a familiar sight on the highways of Appomattox County. The truck is used to collect household refuse placed in collection containers throughout the county. The hydraulic lifts on the front and top of truck raise the container which is then dumped into the body. A huge battering ram compresses the refuse in the rear of the body and later ejects the contents into trenches at the county land fill.

Predictions For 1975

Entering a new year can be an anxious time if one is nervous and unsure of what the future has in store, or it can be a pleasurable experience for someone who is confident and has set goals to be acheived during the coming 12 months.

Although the nation suffered a tremendous recession during 1974, Appomattox County enjoyed a moderate boost to its economy. We predict that 1975 will offer even better things for the county and its citizens.

Virginia Fibre Corporation is scheduled to begin productive operations about mid-year. The initial operations will provide some employment for county residents, but more important is the fact that it will provide a market for one of Appomattox's biggest products, pulp wood.

Thomasville Furniture has already exceeded first estimates of production. We predict an increase of production there with possible expansion of the plant. This will continue to spur the county's economy and reduce the unemployment rate.

We predict forestry operations to begin coming soon as other companies compete for marketable timber, and a possible new wood processing industry to be located in the western part of the county.

Central Virginia Tomorrow - A Partnership Process is expected to make rapid progress in the areas of land use, transportation, e m ployment, health care services and government to people communications.

Farm production will be up during 1975, and there should be a substantial increase in the price to the grower. Beef and pork producers e s p e c i ally should realize a better profit than they have in past year.

Population growth should be a major factor during the coming year. As more industry is established here people will move into the county to be nearer their place of work.

Education will show a marked improvement. Adult education classes and an expanded vocational education program will better prepare Appomattox countians for gainful employment.

WTTX, Appomattox County's only radio station, should apply for and be issued a license for 24 hour broadcasting on the FM frequency, and the Times-Virginian will continue to grow.

The national economy will begin to show improvement in early summer, and some of the curtailed industry in Appomattox will once again be at full production.

Athletic teams will show a marked improvement, particularly to baseball and football programs. The county may find it necessary to form a full time recreation department as more people of every age group become active in competitive sports.

Overall we look for 1975 to be a better year than the one just passed, and Appomattox County will be an even better place to live.

Council Adopts Budget

The Appomattox Town Council adopted the budget for 1975 at a special council meeting at Town Hall Monday night.

The new budget calls for operating expenses amounting to $297,250 for 1975. That figure includes $130,000, expense for payment of the Appomattox County School's electric charges.

Under an agreement with the school board and the County Board of Supervisors, the entire $130,000 will be reimbursed. There is a possibility the town realizing a savings on the 1975 budget if Virginia Electric and Power Company's request for a rate increase is denied by the State Corporation Commission.

Total proposed budget allocations will be published at a later date.

Reclaimed Land

Dotted line down center of picture indicates area where trench has been filled with garbage and covered over at Appomattox County Sanitary Landfill. This was the initial trench, dug some 15 months ago when the landfill operation was begun. The 240 acre plot is marked with current trenches which are being used to dispose of solid waste collected throughout the county.

ASC Committee Elects Officers

Results of the Dec. 2nd election of ASC community committeemen for 1975 were announced recently by James R. Ford, Jr., Chairman of the Appomattox County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee.

IN a county convention held on december 17 the delegates, consisting of Chairman, vice-chairman, and member of each community committee, elected Mr. Ford as Chairman, B.C. Massey, vice-chairman, W. E. Bondurant, Jr., regular member, W. D. Hunter, Jr., 1st alternate and R. T. Megginson, 2nd alternate of the County Committee for next year.

ASC county and community committees are in charge of local administration of such national farm programs as tobacco marketing q u o t a s, wheat and feed grain, commodity loans and storage facility loanbs Mr. Ford said. Last year, he pointed out, over 700 farmers - about 70 percent of all farmers in the county took part in one or more of the programs administered by the ASC committees.

Farmers elected to the committees are:

	Stonewall	
Chairman:	R. T. Megginson	
Vice-Chairman:	J. F. Alvis, Jr.	
Member:	James W. Bondurant	
1st Alternate:	Royal Moore	
2nd Alternate:	W. D. Moore	
Cloverhill		**Southside**
W. D. Hix, III		E. W. Mullins
E. M. Covington		H. B. Jones
W. O. Slagle		W. D. Hunter, Jr
J. H. Rosser		W. Cheatham
J. W. Hunter		H. W. Mann

Father Darkleaf Lists New Year Resolutions

Martha Street, Appomattox, ear ayem . . . They say it as the warmest Christmas in venty years. I might add it as one of the nicest. This ould be "thank you" week. nd now 1975 is the new addition to the family of years nd we do not know whether to ass out cigars or not. omething of a damper was put n New Year's Resolutions by the fellow whose resolution was not to make resolutions. They are made in late December and usually broken by January 10. Especially food budgets.

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I started a list of New Year Resolutions for Appomattox. We need to smooth over Washboard Street (Court St.) we need to straighten up the posts holding street signs and replace the rusty signs . . . we should think about an improved summer recreation program for all ages . . . I am neutral on the subject, but it is a traffic hazard to enter Church Street from Main and there would be those for and those against a traffic light . . . we should keep our fine fire department and rescue squad in top equipment . . . a secret committee should be set up for a "1975 Citizen of the Year Citation" . . . every o n e should resolve to make use of our excellent county library . . . ah yes, I could go on, but a personal resolution is to keep my feet on the ground and write so that there are Times-Virginian and Darkleaf readers in every home.

For some workers, new wage scales go into effect January 1 . . . went to the post office this morning and got two seed catalogs and a new telephone directory. My phone number is the same, and so is The Times-Virginian, so I went to work on the seed catalogs. Actually I will get most of my seeds from Appomattox stores, but it is nice to look at the new catalogs to see what old varieties remain and what is new. Most everyone is planning for a top vegetable garden in '75. I rather suspect a lot of weed seed will survive the winter.

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The music you hear on Martha Street is from my record player, for one of my gifts was a recording of Orlando and Dawn's "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree."

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Sports comment: As a college student at Michigan, Gerald Ford played center on the football team. Now he is Quarterback of the U. S. Team. We wish him well.

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A verse of No. 88 (Bring Them In) for whomsoever visited me during the Christmas and left a huge gift of Irish Potatoes at my front door! Unfortunately I was not home at the time and take this means of saying I am one of the champs at potato-eating.

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Hear this: On December 17, 1788, the great Scot poet, Robert Burns, sent some verses to an old friend. There are some who say he merely re-wrote a theme from an earlier poet, but what Bobby Burns wrote that date has come down to us as a classic. Some Scottish words are a bit different from modern English, for the title means a toast to the good old days. Let us hear it, at year's end for . . .

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And auld land syne!"

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And with that spirit I say, let us enter a New Year with Hope and Faith and remembering the best of the past press forward to: "sakes alive, look at that '75!" Thanks for reading and seeya next week.